

Appl. No. 10/766,917  
In re Ramajois et al.  
Reply to Final Office Action of Dec. 21, 2006

## **EXHIBIT A**



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : RAMAJOIS ET AL.  
Appl. No. : 10/766,917  
Filed : January 30, 2004  
Title : GEAR HOUSING VENT  
Group Art Unit : 3682  
Examiner : PILKINGTON, J.  
Docket No. : 08200.809

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW JOHNSTON**

1. I, Matthew F. Johnston, am a Registered Patent attorney with the Law Firm of Berenato, White & Stavish.

2. On April 18, 2007 I executed a Boolean search for the precise terms "substantially within" using the Boolean search string ACLM/"substantially within" located within the body of the claims of issued U.S. patents using the United States Post Office's web based search tools.

3. Based on the search I conducted as outlined in paragraph 3 above, 6021 (six thousand twenty one) patents were identified as containing the precise language "substantially within" within in the claims.

4. Attached hereto is the search results of the search I conducts as outlined in paragraph 3 including a partial listing of 50 of the 6021 patents identified.

5. On April 18, 2007 I executed a Boolean search for the

precise terms "substantially closing" using the Boolean search string ACLM/"substantially closing" located within the body of the claims of issued U.S. patents using the United States Post Office's web based search tools.

6. Based on the search I conducted as outlined in paragraph 3 above, 1081 (one thousand eight one) patents were identified as containing the precise language "substantially within" within in the claims.

7. Attached hereto are the search results of the search I conducted as outlined in paragraph 5 including a partial listing of 50 of the 1081 patents identified.

8. I declare that all statements made herein of my own first hand/personal knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Date: April 18 2007

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










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